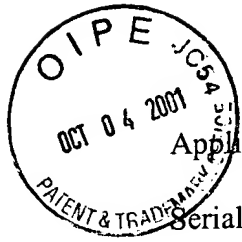


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chudoba et al.) Attorney reference: 25048-15
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Title: Method of Identifying Changes in Biopolymers)

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to revive the referenced application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) as having been unintentionally abandoned. The application became abandoned due to Applicants' unintentional failure to respond to an outstanding Office Action. It is Applicants' intent to pursue prosecution of this invention, and a continuation application, with the required fee and a Preliminary Amendment, are being filed simultaneously herewith.

Applicants, through counsel, state that the entire delay from the time a response was due to the pending Office Action to the filing of this petition and the filing of the accompanying continuation application was unintentional. Applicants' attorney has discussed this with the Examiner and advised her of the filing of this petition and the accompanying application.

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of six hundred and forty dollars (\$640.00), which is the appropriate fee for this petition for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0719. This document is submitted in duplicate.

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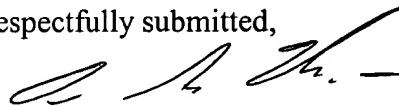
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Because the abandonment of the referenced application was unintentional, because Applicants are filing herewith a continuation application as an appropriate response, and because Applicants have complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted, and that the application being filed simultaneously herewith be accepted for further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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